[28th February 1929

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Notice, Sir ; I think it will be about five lakhs."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" May I know whether there is any report to show as to the time that will be taken to clear off the debt ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" There is no report."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" May I know whether Government have any idea as to when the estate will be handed over to the zamindar ? "

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member is commenting upon his question."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" I want to know when the debt will be discharged so that the estate may be handed over to the zamindar."

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" It depends upon the state of the agricultural season. If the season is good the debts will be discharged soon ; but if there is a bad season, as in the past years, it will take a long time to clear off the debt. (Laughter.)"

Mr. L. K. TULASIRAM :—" Has not one Mr. Maduramuthu Thevar claimed the estate on account of this infirmity ? "

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—The question does not arise."

Irrigation

Supply of water in the Owk tank in Kurnool district.

* 1559 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state, in view of the answers given to question No. 899 on 29th November 1928,—

(a) whether the report called for has been received ; and

(b) if it has been received, what it is ?

A.—(a) & (b) A report from the Subdivisional Officer, Public Works Department, has been received and has been referred to the Board of Revenue for remarks as it appears that the distribution of water from the tank is not in charge of the Public Works Department.

Progress of the Mettur Project.

* 1560 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased—

(i) to place before the House a statement showing

(a) the receipts and expenditure with plans and estimates as revised most recently in connexion with the Mettur Irrigation Project ;

(b) the various points in regard to which the expenditure has exceeded or is likely to exceed the original or later revised estimates ;

(c) the changes in the original and revised programme required ; and

(d) the details of the machinery and plant ordered, with the names of the firms from which they were ordered ; and